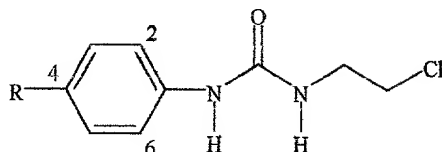


ABSTRACT

Disclosed herein are β -tubulin inhibitors of formula 1, prodrugs thereof and
5 therapeutically acceptable salts thereof,



formula 1

wherein R is selected from the group consisting of: *t*-butyl, *l*-propyl and *sec*-butyl
10 and their use as anti-cancer cell proliferation agents.